

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
RASHTCHIAN, A., *et al*

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Acid Amplification And  
Sequencing**

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**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Non-Final Office Action dated **September 25, 2006**, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

Applicants believe that no fees are required in connection with this filing. However, if any fees are due for additional extensions of time and are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-3994.